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Notes From Your President . . .



The beginnings of a new year is always exciting with the endless possibilities. It is true for ECA! We have the opportunity to increase membership, begin new service projects, try new healthy recipes and try new educational programs. 2020 is full of many wonderful opportunities. I hope that each of our ECA Clubs will take advantage of the opportunities given to us. It is always exciting to hear of the many new projects as well as the continuing programs that are flourishing. ECA members really put their hearts into the success of each ECA Club.

Now that 2020 is underway, I know the counties and districts are busy preparing for County and District Days. I look forward to visiting the districts during their District Days. I love hearing about all you accomplished in 2019 as well as your plans for 2020.

My special thanks to every ECA club, district, liaison agent and the NCECA Leadership Team for all your ideas and your love and support of each other as we strive to have a very success 2020. Please keep me informed of all the exciting plans, program and events your county and district is doing. If I know about your events, I will try to attend as many as possible.

Shelby Ford

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Across the State!

Northeast

Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, Wake, Warren, Washington

Wake County



Wake County ECA celebrated the holidays at Wanda Denning's home with a covered dish luncheon on December 10.



First Friday ECA attended the Golden Years Breakfast on December 30. We had a great time. Food and entertainment were excellent.



These are pictures of 165 items **First Friday ECA** made and donated to the Boys and Girls Homes at Lake Waccamaw, NC on Friday, January 31, 2020. They were picked up by Mason Smith, Director of the Home. The items consisted of baby hats, sweaters, blankets, scarfs, mittens gloves, onesies, girls leg warmers, handbags, shopping bags, men and women so

Southeast

Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Robeson, Sampson, Wayne, Wilson

Craven County

We have been busy with several projects and very good educational programs, including the benefits of bees and wasp and "Backpack Blessings" a service to school-and children who need food for the weekends, holidays and breaks when they are not in school. Another program was how we could help with Foster Parents and Children. We donated \$200 to help with their needs.

Two members attended State Conference and took gift cards to Boys & Girls Homes. We donated 18 lap quilts to local nursing homes and 6 to Foster Parenting along with many packages of diapers.

We continue to cut fish for eye testing in the schools. We made 560 Christmas ornaments for Breakfast with Santa that is sponsored by Carolina East Medical Center. They entertain 500 plus children in five or six seatings the first Saturday of December.

We gave 2 wreaths to Wreaths Across America for Veteran's Cemetery. We shared 6 tips on the use of mayonnaise, and reported 3,383 volunteer hours.

We will hold Achievement Day and Cultural Arts in February. We made 65 plus Valentines for a nursing home in January. It was fun making them and sharing time together!

Duplin County

Stanford-Duplin ECA had their annual Thanksgiving dinner, with a delicious homemade meal from the members and joined by the Duplin County Cooperative Extension staff.

The members decorated the Christmas tree for the Lois G Britt building using homemade bows and ornaments created by the members.

The **Stanford-Duplin ECA** participated in the Maintain Don't Gain Holiday Challenge. Around 12 members participated weekly, and one of our very own, Ms. Anna Jones, won a grand prize – a FitBit Versa HR watch to keep her active.



We had our Christmas outing December 17th. The members met at a local seafood restaurant in Clinton, followed by a light show at Lu Mill Vineyard in Elizabethtown. The members loved seeing the lights and enjoyed



visiting the candy store afterwards.

Our latest project wrapped up in December and we were able to provide lap throws for the holidays. The lap throws were donated to Brian Center Health & Rehabilitation Center in Wallace. Those at the center were so grateful to receive the throws for Christmas.



We also had a surprise Birthday Bash for the oldest member of our club, Ms. Ruby Brinson. Ruby turned 91 years old in December. She was fully surprised and had a great time fellowshiping with others. Ms. Ruby continues to be our rock and mentor!



South Central

Alexander, Anson, Cabarrus, Catawba, Cumberland, Gaston, Harnett, Hoke, Iredell, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly, Union



Harnett County

Harnett County enjoyed "Celebrating the Seasons of ECA" at their 2019 Award and Recognition Tea held Friday, December 6, 2019 in the Jennifer S. Walker Training Room at the Harnett County Agriculture Center. Everyone brought a dish to share and also a prospective member. The Jennifer S. Walker Superior Service Award for an ECA member who has given unselfishly of her time, energy and efforts in her participation and leadership in communication and marketing of ECA at the county, district and state level was given to Donna Springle. New officers were installed and they look forward to a busy new year



New Officers for **Harnett County ECA 2020-2022**
(L-R) Rose Cotton, Diane McLean, Donna Springle, Wendy Butcher, Patricia McKoy, Greg Huneycutt, FCS Agent

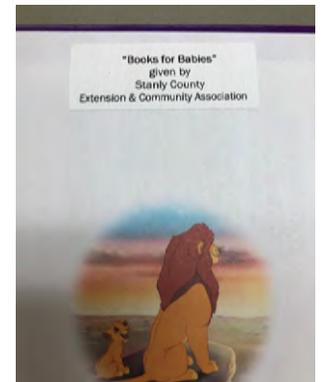


The **Ambassador ECA** packed 101 Buddy Back Pack bags on January 31. They packed thirteen different foods in each bag and then the bags were delivered to four different schools. Their groups pack when there is a fifth Friday as in January. Five members and three of their husbands helped.

Stanly County



Stanly County ECA has partnered with Atrium Health Stanly's Mother and Baby Center and Stanly County Partnership for Children to give a new book to all babies born at Atrium's Stanly facility. Books for Babies was started as a new literacy project in September 1991 under the leadership of former Stanly County ECA member, Lucy Blalock. Approximately 700 books are given to newborns each year, that's more than 20,000 books in almost 29 years!



Each new book is either purchased by **Stanly County ECA** or donated by a member. Labels are placed in each book, an insert about the Books for Babies program which includes the importance of reading to infants and children as well as

information about North Carolina ECA. We've also partnered with Stanly County Partnership for Children (SCPC) to include an application for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library funded by SCPC and NC Partnership for Children. Children enrolled in the program receive a book each month until the child turns five years old.

Mark your calendars for the first annual **Stanly County ECA** Craft/Yard/Bake Sale on Saturday, October 3, 2020 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Interested vendors should contact the Extension Office at 704-983-3987 for additional information and/or to register. .

Gaston County



Gaston Co. ECA held a Craft Bazaar on December 14, 2019. There were 16 vendors with lots of fellowship and potential new members. Hot dogs and other goodies were for sale.



In November we held a sewing workshop where people could use a man's dress shirt to create an apron. Several of the folks who came, brought a loved ones shirt as a memory project.. We had ECA members and members of the public join us for this project and all were delighted with their results!



One of Gaston County's community services to provide baby quilts for the neo-natal unit of the hospital. On November 8th, ECA members were invited to drop in anytime from 2 to 8 to work on quilts. At 5:00, we took a break and had soup

and crackers for a fellowship meal.



The **Quiltmakers Special Interest Group** had spent an evening earlier in the month using donated fabrics to cut fabric and make kits for quilts for us to use at this group meeting. We managed to get 5 or 6 quilt tops made. Now we just need to have another workshop to get them quilted!



In December, we decided to have an evening making small gifts for Christmas. We had four stations where participants could try their hands at different techniques. We offered a stocking Gnome, fire-glazed ceramic tiles, sugar scrubs, and an easy Christmas tree block. People could select one or more (depending on how much time they had!) crafts to try. We had a crockpot of soup so people could come early eat and get to work! Everyone seemed to enjoy learning the new techniques.

On Saturday, Nov. 16th, a group of **Gaston County ECA** members travelled to Raleigh for a special program. Our Extension Director provided funds for us to rent a van for the trip on the condition that we use what we learn in a community service project.

Our group met Geri Bushel at the N.C. Farmers Market to see what produce is available and meet some of the vendors. It was a really cold day so we didn't spend as much time as we would have liked browsing through the market. We all agreed that that would a great trip to take again in warmer weather!



From there we traveled to the Dinah Gore Teaching and Research Kitchens to learn how it is being used by different departments and to have Geri Bushel share a cooking demonstration using some of the Med Instead of Meds recipes. We all enjoyed the food and learned several new cooking tips too. Finally, Geri offered us a knife safety and cutting lesson.

Gaston County, continued

All of us agreed we learn new skills and tips. We plan to have a committee meeting in February to see how we can share this new information with our community. Suggestions were made to hold a cooking demonstration for the women in Catherine's House and share some of the tips at our Farmers Market demos. **Gaston County ECA** members try to plan a day trip each month. In November, some of us traveled to Asheville to view the Gingerbread House Competition and then had lunch and browsed in the Art District.

In December, we traveled to Kernersville to enjoy the Christmas decorations at the unique historic house: Korner's Folly. The house has seven different levels with some of the rooms having only 5 foot ceilings!

In February, we plan on traveling to Shelby to enjoy the art guild's annual Pottery Show and Sale.

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

On March 2nd, people across America celebrate books and reading with READ ACROSS AMERICA activities! **Gaston County ECA** has selected several projects and activities to celebrate reading!

The **Quiltmakers Special** Interest group voted to learn how to make book pillows for the children's unit at the hospital. They only have 6 beds in that unit but we plan on providing 10 book pillow complete with books. We will deliver them so they may be given to any children in that ward during that week.

All ECA club members are encouraged to bring gently used books for elementary grades to our February and March business meetings. These books will be given to a local school. The principal of that school is collecting books so children are invited to select a book to keep on their birthday.

Finally, on March 2nd, we will have a book exchange from 9:30 to 4:30. People may bring in up to 5 books and switch them for five other books. Personally, I plan on snuggling up in a chair and enjoy reading one of the "new" books I find!

RAISING BACKYARD CHICKENS

ECA asked Lara Worden, Ag. Extension Agent, to offer her program on raising Backyard Chickens at our Gastonia location on Thursday evening, February 20th. With the interest in raising chickens in the city, hopefully, we will invite a new audience into the Lucile Tatum Center as well as we will be supporting one of Extension's program.

North Central

Alamance, Alleghany, Ashe, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Davie,
Durham, Forsyth, Granville, Guilford, Orange, Person,
Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Vance, Wilkes, Yadkin

Person County

The **Person County ECA** clubs are picking out Program Leader Lessons for 2020, utilizing resources from South Carolina and Kansas. They will present these programs at their monthly club meetings.

<http://www.scfcl.com/2020-education-lessons/>

<https://www.k-state.edu/fcs/agent-resources/lesson-series/>

They are busy planning their 10th Annual Pinto Bean Fundraiser on Friday, February 7th at 11:30am at the Person County Office Building at 304 South Morgan Street Street. Tickets are \$5 and you get pinto beans, homemade cornbread, homemade desserts and tea. It is eat-in or take-out and tickets can be purchased from ECA members or on the day of the event.

The county delegates are also planning a trip to the WRAL Azalea Gardens in Raleigh, hosting an ECA Movie Night, and the four Extension Master Food Volunteers will be traveling to the FCS Teaching Kitchen Anniversary Celebration.

Randolph County



Randolph County ECA had a great TREK to Raleigh on January 14th. Highlights included a guided tour of the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, lunch at the ever popular NoFo @the Pig, and an afternoon visit to the NC Museum of History.



Randolph ECA had a sewing workshop in preparation for the spring north central district day conference that will be held in Asheboro. Can you guess the theme?



Randolph County ECA held its 2019 Achievement Luncheon on December 10th. The

theme was ALOHA. The Randolph Arts Guild Ukulele Ensemble provided entertainment. Cultural arts winners were recognized and members with 30+ years of service received and certificates.



Randolph County ECA members accumulated 17, 311 volunteer hours for 2019. Pictured are Randolph County Commissioner Maxton Mc Dowell, ECA County President Karen Amolsch, and Randolph County Cooperative Extension Director Dr. Kenny Sherrin.

Thompson- ECA Scholarship chairperson, Randolph County Cooperative Extension Director - Dr. Kenny Sherrin, and Randolph County Community College Counselor- Lorie McCrosky.



Randolph County ECA presented a check for \$10,000 to the Randolph Community College Foundation Scholarship Fund. Pictured are Lib



State Leadership Award recipient- Kim Lemons and Randolph County Cooperative Extension FCS agent- Jeannie Leonard

There are centuries of service in this photo! Pictured from the left- Lib Thompson, Daisy Shoffner, Loretta Tinnin, Pamela Graham, Lib Harris, Margie Stidham, Sharon Carpenter and Doris Davis



West

Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Cherokee Reservation, Clay, Cleveland, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Yancey

Rutherford County

The **Rutherford County ECA** held its annual Achievement Program January 15, 2020. Members were recognized for their accomplishments during 2019. Awards were presented to the following ECA members:



Longevity Awards were given to Betty Harring for 25 years of membership and Angie Francis for 50 years of membership.

The Perfect Attendance Award was presented to Suzanne Gibson. Cathy Holmes, Janis Byers, and Candy Ash received the Recycling Award first, second, and third places, respectively. All total, ECA members recycled 3,783 pounds of recyclable material in 2019.

The ECA member with the most volunteer hours was Ruth Reid. Ruth, along with Cathy Holmes, Ruby Ham, and Mary Webster will be recognized by the state association for 500+ hours. New member, Arnita Camp-Harrison, won

the Quick Start Award for first year achievements and the True Gem Award was presented to Suzanne Gibson for her exceptional teamwork.

Special recognition was also given to Frances McAnally for her service as President for the past five years and 38 years of membership. Rozanne Esparza was recognized for her efforts in coordinating a successful fundraiser for college scholarships.

Outstanding Member is one of the highest honors in ECA. A three-way tie for this award exemplifies the dedication of ECA members. Outstanding Members for 2019 were Janis Byers, Suzanne Gibson, and Mary Webster.

In all, ECA members in 2019 reached 5,082 people in their outreach efforts, contributed \$3,957 to the community, and gave 6,268 volunteer hours, valued at \$159,395.



Following the awards presentation, officers for 2020 were installed.

Award winners:

Seated - Betty Harring, Angie Francis

Standing L to R - Karen Laughter, Ruth Reid, Arnita Camp-Harrison, Mary Webster, Janis Byers, Ruby Ham, Candy Ash, Suzanne Gibson, Cathy Holmes

2020 Officers:

L to R - Suzanne Gibson, Ruby Ham, Karen Laughter, Nettie Monteith, Janis Byers, Candy Ash, and Cathy Holmes



Cleveland county

Cleveland County ECA members were proud to be part of the **West District ECA** members hosting the NCECA State Conference at Lake Junaluska in October 2019. We were excited to have 10 members and 5 husbands attend the conference. We were honored to have Ben Privett serve as the photographer for the conference. The conference photos can be viewed on the NCECA website at: <https://fcs.ces.ncsu.edu/eca-3/>



Pictured L to R / Row 1: Paula Hughes, Pat Farley, Mary Sue Boyles, Meriel Peeler; Row 2: Becky Pendleton, Lorinda Richard, Mary Lee Jones, Jean Ann Privett, Judy Canipe; Nancy Abasiekong, Extension Agent, FCS; and Kathy Leslie

Cleveland County ECA Achievement Luncheon, held on November 22, 2019, was well attended by elected county officials, other community supporters, Cooperative Extension staff, family members and friends. Theme: "ECA - Ability Chicks," was held at the Cleveland County

Cooperative Extension Center in Shelby. ECA Issues Coordinators and Vice Coordinators gave the ECA Year in Review. Annual Report: 3 clubs, 27 members, 7,773 volunteer hours, numbers reached - 17,869; our gift to fellow Cleveland County citizens - \$187,158; total value of dollars contributed/spent \$19,420, NCECA Award of Excellence Certificate/Seal earned - Gold Award. Longevity of Service Award: Pat Farley - 30 years, Clevie Spangler - 73 years, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday; Outstanding Volunteer Award - Lorinda Richard; Certified Volunteer Unit (CVU) hours: Pat Farley, Lorinda Richard, Mary Jane Seagle, Mary Sue Boyles, and Jean Ann Privett; Memoriam for 2019 - Mae Bridwell, Belwood ECA and Betty Bridges, Boiling Springs ECA.

Pictured / Seated: Barbara Dayberry, Jean Putnam; Row 1: Les Dixon, Karen Hubbard, Mary Sue Boyles, Pat Farley, Shirley Bridges, Paula Hughes, Becky Pendleton, Meriel Peeler; Row 2: Mary Lee Jones, Jean Ann Privett, Judy Canipe, and Nancy Abasiekong, Extension Agent Family & Consumer Sciences



ECA members partner with Care Solutions Care Management Agency in the county each year as a part of their Tote Bags for Seniors project.

This year, members donated 12 large reusable Tote Bags for Seniors which provide essential household and personal care items suitable for either gender as recommended by Care Solutions staff. These tote bags are delivered to older or disabled adults living on very limited income and often unable to afford extras that they really need.



Pictured L to R: Care Solutions staff: Sarah Lail, Social Worker; Jennifer Williams, Nurse Care Manger; Mary Sue Boyles, Cleveland County ECA; Paula Canipe, Nurse Care Manager; and Jean Ann Privett, Cleveland County ECA.

Boiling Springs ECA Club made a donation to Cleveland County 4-H for scholarships to be used to help local 4-H'ers. Charlie Godfrey, Extension Agent 4-H, said Cleveland County 4-H is extremely grateful to Boiling Springs ECA for their donation of \$100. This donation is designated to provide a scholarship to help a 4-Her from our county participate in a 4-H program or event.

Cleveland County 4-H will utilize this financial contribution to recognize and honor a deserving 4-H member by providing them a scholarship to participate in a 4-H camp, conference, or other educational opportunity.

Pictured L to R: Jean Ann Privett, Becky Pendleton, Pat Farley, Rev. Key Pendleton, Steen and Lorinda Richard



Cleveland County, continued

Charlie Godfrey, 4-H Agent said, **Cleveland County ECA** members provided exceptional service at the Cleveland County 4-H Achievement Banquet. 4-H youth, parents, and volunteers were served their meal by the ECA members. ECA members are always willing to serve, and seem to truly enjoy community service. Cleveland County 4-H is thankful to ECA members for giving of their time and energy to volunteer at this event.



Cleveland County ECA members promoted the “*Protecting Yourself from Radon*” Workshop and home radon testing, as one of the projects in their 2020 Plan of Work under the Promoting Safe & Healthy Environment Issue Committee. Members partnered with NC Cooperative Extension Cleveland County and worked to market this program in their communities. They encouraged individuals to attend this program to learn what radon is and how it can affect the health of the family. Each year members work to bring awareness about radon and highlight research facts such as: Radon is the number one environmental cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and second leading cause of lung cancer. Nearly one out of every 15 homes in the U.S. is likely to have elevated levels of radon. Radon testing is the only way to determine the radon level. Many ECA members have tested their own homes.

Cleveland County Commissioners issued a proclamation recognizing January 2020 as Radon Action Month in Cleveland County at their January 21st meeting. Presenting information on Radon Awareness, Cleveland County Radon Awareness efforts, and receiving the proclamation were: Phillip Gibson, NC Radon Coordinator and Nancy Abasiekong, Extension Agent Family & Consumer Sciences.

Educational workshops, coordinated by NC Cooperative Extension Cleveland County Center, NC Radon, and our local senior centers, were presented at two locations in Cleveland County on January 23 – Neal Senior Center in Shelby and the Patrick Senior Center in Kings Mountain. Participants received a free radon home test kit to use to test their homes for radon.



Pictured L to R: Nancy Abasiekong, Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Sciences, Phillip Gibson, NC Radon Coordinator, County Commission Chair, Susan Allen, Commissioners: Deb Hardin, Johnny Hutchins, Ronnie Whetstine, Vice Chair, and Doug Bridges

Dates to Remember . . .

- February 1 eNews Deadline
Educational Scholarship due to county
- March 1 Educational Scholarship to Geri Bushel

Double Your Influence (Project in Common) report due
Individual reports logged online @go.ncsu.edu/nceca
- March 26 Northeast District Meeting
- April 1 eNews Deadline

YEARLY REPORTS!!

Our Yearly Activity report form has undergone changes! You can access the “paper” version on our website at go.NCSU.edu/nceca and it will also be in the 2020 Yearbook! You may keep up with your hours on paper but at the end of the year, you will need to input that activity into an electronic version!

Don't panic! Those who are not technologically savvy are not left behind. We are asking that one person in each county **PLEASE** take the responsibility of inputting the information for those not comfortable doing so!

This should streamline our reporting process and make it more accurate! These reports will be individual. The program will automatically generate a county report which will be available to agents for their reporting.

It is more important than ever to report ECA activity. Our Memorandum of Understanding with North Carolina Cooperative Extension requires us to do so. If we fail to report activity, the time agents spend with us may be in jeopardy. We know that ECA members love working to improve and meet the needs of their communities and are not looking for recognition for doing so, ***but the reports are not bragging on your efforts, your agent needs to report your activity!!***

From Boys & Girls Homes

Some people just make life easier! The members of NC ECA are those kinds of folk. On behalf of the children of Boys and Girls Homes I want to thank you for the many ways in which your contributions of gift cards, given at the State Convention in Lake Junaluska, continue to make a positive impact. We established a “checkout” system in our finance office through which our counselors could request gift cards to support and provide for the residents in their care.

These cards were used in a variety of direct care ways. A few were used for cottage outings that deeply enriched the kids' lives, such as trips to the movies or concerts. Other cards were used for birthday parties and gifts for our children who are away from family during those special days. Things like custom cakes and party supplies typically do not fall into our normal operating expenses, leaving some parties a little bland. Not so any longer, however, thanks to the flexibility with the use of gift cards. Some cottages were also able to obtain much needed pots and pans, and even a helpful pot rack. These cooking cottages are now better able to teach the older teens how to cook and clean as they work towards independence. Finally, two young and vulnerable little girls came to campus right before our Christmas party, and after we'd already gained sponsors for the rest of the campus. We were able to use remaining gift cards to ensure that these two little girls still had just as much Christmas cheer as the rest of the campus. Their little eyes were wide with wonder as Santa demonstrated that he had NOT forgotten them and had gifts for them as well.

From fun to functional, your gifts made life easier for a lot of happier children and counselors! Thank you!

Appreciating you,

Mason,

Boys & Girls Homes

ECA Innovative Grants Applications are due by March 31st.

ECA Innovative Grants are funded through the North Carolina ECA General Fund in the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation, Inc., by the NC ECA Grants Committee

ECA INNOVATIVE GRANTS

What are innovative grants?

☑ The innovative grants are awarded annually to fund projects that increase awareness of, or support, the North Carolina Extension & Community Association (NC ECA) at the club, county, district or state level

☑ Suggested projects include (but are not limited to) leadership development, development of marketing tools, membership recruitment, purchase of educational/programming materials, officer training or a new special event with an outcome directly associated with the NC ECA mission and/or agreement with NC State Extension

☑ Individual grant maximum: variable, depending on amount available each year

☑ Total grants maximum: variable, depending on amount available each year (awards typically range from \$500-\$1,000, but larger projects will be considered)

Who is eligible?

☑ Any active NC ECA club, county or district level group can apply for a grant

How do ECA groups apply?

☑ Complete the attached **NC ECA Innovative Grant Application Form** Go.NCSU.EDU/NCECA

☑ Applicants must obtain sign-off of their county agent or county director as requested on the form

☑ Electronically submit, deliver or mail completed application form to the NC ECA and FCS Foundation

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o NOTE: applicants awarded a grant must wait one year after receiving a grant to apply again

When are grants awarded?

☑ The Committee Chair will work with NC State CALS Advancement to determine amount available for grants in January of each year, and together they will promote the availability of grants to NC ECA.

☑ Applications are due to CALS Advancement NC ECA and FCS Foundation Administrative Assistant by March 31.

☑ The NC ECA grants committee will meet to review application and select and notify grant recipients no later than April 30.

☑ Grant funds will be sent to awardees following CALS Advancement procedures, before June 30.

What are the guidelines for awarded funds?

☑ Funds should be used within one year of being awarded (July 1-June 30).

☑ Funds can supplement new or existing programming efforts.

☑ Recipients receiving funding must provide a report to the NCECAF per the attached **NC ECA Innovative Grant Report Form** once funds are expended per the grant application, but no later than July 31 following program completion.

☑ Failure to provide a report jeopardizes applicant's ability to apply for future awards.

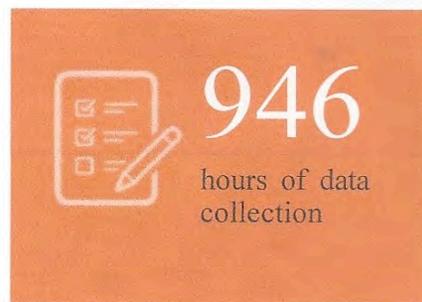
☑ Funds will be handled according to county financial controls.

e.g., The county ECA or county Extension Service can make the funding request to the NCECAF if the club receiving the grant does not have the appropriate transfer process or W-9 form in place to receive funds

Happy Birthday

Dinah E Gore Teaching & Research Kitchens!

Dinah E. Gore Teaching and Research Kitchens Summary of Year One Activities



* Ranging from 3 hours to 4 days
** Plus thousands online
*** Allowing us to reach hundreds of thousands of people across the country

From the Leadership Team

- At the January Leadership Team meeting, there was discussion regarding the need for officer training. The hand-book section, **Standing Rules**, has job descriptions. Granted these are for the state officers but gives an idea as to the duties of officers at all levels. On go.ncsu.edu/nceca there is a PowerPoint and a document entitled “You’ve Been Elected, Now What?” that details the duties of officers at all levels. These are currently being revised but should be back on line in the next few days. An organization is only as good and strong as its leaders, so let’s make NCECA great!!
- There is growing concern for the way our dues and membership is handled and reported. Those aforementioned documents will help there as well. We are also in the process of updated the scholarship procedures. . . . coming soon as well.
- The BIG challenge is planning State Conference. Trying to find a venue large enough to accommodate our group is a challenge, especially when we need the break out space for educational training. Our attendees prefer all activities under one roof and that often presents a challenge as well. However, the biggest challenge is rising cost, especially FOOD cost. This year’s conference in Fayetteville has presented an additional challenge. Usually, when planning conferences, if you book enough sleeping rooms, the meeting space is free. More and more hotels/conference centers are changing that and are charging for the meeting space. That is the case in Fayetteville, so our usual \$140 registration fee falls way short to cover expenses. We are shortening the conference by ½ day, thus closing the conference at the Tuesday night banquet. We also found it necessary to increase the registration to \$150.
- We are also exploring other options for future conferences!



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